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ABSTRACT

b1 [0015] The present invention provides for a method for cleaning the surface of a cylinder in a printing press with a blanket treated with a solvent of high viscosity, the blanket taken from a supply roll, brought into operating contact with the surface to be cleaned by pressing means and subsequently rolled up in a roll as a soiled blanket. An object of the present invention is to provide an apparatus and method for complication-free cleaning during processing of all printing materials. The present invention accomplishes this by providing for an optional additional application of a cleaning medium for resolution of the soiling on the surface to be cleaned. The cleaning medium and the resolved soiling are taken up and removed by a blanket treated with a solvent.